

New to wine tasting?

- ❖ **As you enter the tasting room, a host will greet you and offer a “tasting” explaining what wines are available for the “tasting” and if there are any tasting fees.**
- ❖ **If a fee to taste the wine is required, some wineries apply this fee to a purchase. Others might include a souvenir glass with the fee. Some tasting rooms have a two tier fee one for the main line of wines and one for reserve wines.**
- ❖ **When a fee is charged, it is usually okay for two people to share one glass and pay only on tasting fee.**
- ❖ **White wines are usually tasted first, followed by red wines, and then dessert wines.**
- ❖ **It is okay to skip any of the wines on the tasting list. Some people just want to taste the reds. Some may be interested in tasting only certain varietals of wine.**
- ❖ **Most wineries may have a sheet of tasting notes. Read the tasting notes as you taste and see if you notice any of the aromas or flavors listed in the notes.**
- ❖ **Taste each wine carefully and savor each sip.**
- ❖ **You do not have to drink all the wine in your glass. Toss the unwanted wine in your glass into the dump bucket provided for this purpose.**
- ❖ **Normally you would not ask for a second taste of one particular wine unless you indicate you are interested in purchasing the wine.**
- ❖ **Idaho wineries are LEGALLY only allowed to pour a 1oz-2oz tasting.**
- ❖ **If water is provided, use it to clear your palate or to rinse your glass. Rinsing the glass is a good idea when the tasting moves from whites to reds or to dessert wines.**
- ❖ **A neutral food may be provided, such as plain crackers. The purpose of the food is to clear the palate after tasting each particular wine.**
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- ❖ **Some wineries will give you information about their wine club, before you sign up for a wine club, read all the pros and cons of joining a wineries wine club.**
- ❖ **Buy the wine if you like it. Some people may feel guilty about not making a purchase, don't be.**
- ❖ **Enjoy your surroundings and don't be afraid to ask questions.**

Keep it fun for you and others.

- ❖ **Others are here to enjoy the winery for various reasons, be it anniversary, just to taste, a birthday, or a quiet day in a beautiful setting. If you are visiting a winery with friends or a group, please try to be respectful and quiet for others.**
- ❖ **Tasting rooms come in all sizes, some are smaller than others, during busy times think of those around you, by making room for others or taking turns at the counter between pours.**
- ❖ **Buy the wine if you like it. Purchases are always welcomed but please, don't feel guilty about buying something you may not like.**
- ❖ **If you choose to picnic at the winery and enjoy some wine, make sure that wine is not from another winery. If you forgot to bring wine glasses, most tasting rooms will lend you wine glasses for your picnic.**
- ❖ **Bringing children to a winery can be tricky. Have a planned activity for them while you spend your time tasting.**
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